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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW		Attorney Docket Number: 10517/94 PATENT	
Applicant Hiromichi NAKATA et al.		Application No. 09/837,480	
Filing Date April 19, 2001		Patent Number	
Issued		Examiner Tracy Dove	Art Unit 1745
Invention Title FUEL CELL SEPARATOR, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF AND FUEL CELL		Assignee TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA	

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Sir:

In compliance with M.P.E.P. 713.04, the Applicant provides this Statement of Substance of Interview concerning the personal interview conducted on April 26, 2004 with Examiner Dove.

- (A) Exhibits. No exhibit was shown or demonstration was conducted.
- (B) Claims. All
- (C) Prior art. Yoshimura et al. (US 6,291,094 B1)
- (D) Amendments. The amendments made in the RCE filed April 15, 2004 were discussed.
- (E) Principal arguments of Applicant. The limitation as to "an average grain size of 0.1 mm or more" should be given patentable weight.
- (F) Other matters. N/A
- (G) Results. The Examiner agreed that the crystal grain limitation is not a product-by-process limitation as asserted in the final rejection, and that the limitation is present in the product fuel cell. The Examiner agreed that in accordance with the foregoing, the rejection of record in view of Yoshimura et al. would be withdrawn.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

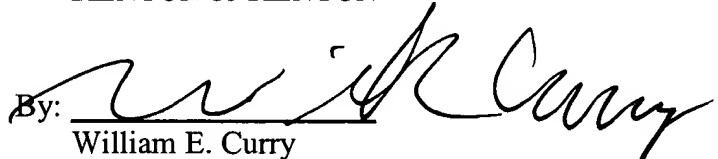
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4323 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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